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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY ANNOUNCES TWO NEW TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS DURING KEYNOTE AT HYBRID TRUCK USERS FORUM NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Maryland Electric Truck Voucher & Idle Reduction Grant Programs unveiled during Governor O'Malley's keynote address will provide partial financial assistance to cover the costs associated with all-electric trucks and on-board idle reduction technologies.

Annapolis, Maryland (October 11, 2011)—Today, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley delivered the keynote address at the Hybrid Truck Users Forum National Conference held at the Baltimore Convention Center. During his speech, the Governor announced two new public-private partnerships, the Maryland Electric Truck Voucher Program and the Maryland Idle Reduction Grant Program. The brand new programs are funded through the Maryland Department of Transportation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency respectively. Both programs are led by the Maryland Energy Administration in partnership with the Maryland Department of Environment, the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Motor Truck Association.

"Maryland continues to be a national leader in sustainability," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "These programs promote a prosperous future with clean air and affordable transportation."

Electric Truck Grant Program

The Maryland Electric Truck (MET) Voucher Program will provide vouchers to registered Maryland Motor Truck Carriers to offset the incremental cost of higher priced 100% electric, zero-emission medium and heavy duty trucks. The program is expected to provide 25 awards to advanced-minded fleets. Additional program information will be forthcoming from the Maryland Energy Administration in November.

Idle Reduction Grant Program

The program will offset the costs of installing idle reduction in heavy duty trucks. Eligible vehicles include:

- On-highway class 6 to class 8 heavy trucks. Buses are not eligible.
- Maryland-registered trucks including new trucks which will be registered in Maryland.
- Idle reduction devices must be installed in the State of Maryland.
- New trucks must be purchased from a dealership in Maryland.
- Leased vehicles are not eligible to apply.

More information on this program is available at <http://energy.maryland.gov/Transportation/idle/>.

"Smart investments in air emission control technology improve the quality of life of Marylanders," said Malcolm Woolf, Director of MEA. "Electric transportation and idle reduction technologies clean our air,

reduce health impacts from diesel pollution and drive our economy forward through the growing demand for this equipment.”

Applications for the Idle Reduction Grant Program are now being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until 4pm on June 1, 2012. The program ends September 30, 2012.

The Maryland Energy Administration's (MEA) mission is to assist Maryland citizens and businesses to save money through smart investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy and conservation. A Maryland state agency, MEA fuels the creation of green jobs by providing funds and resources to expand the use and availability of clean, safe energy in Maryland.